

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claim 7 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof and rewrite claims 8 and 9 in independent form as follows.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 7 (canceled)

8. (currently amended) ~~The~~An optical device according to claim 7 comprising
two light emitting elements each having an optical axis and being mounted on a
surface of a substrate, the optical axes of the two light emitting elements being
arranged perpendicular to each other and intersecting each other, and at least one
prism having at least one of a reflection and transmission surface mounted on
another surface of the substrate so that the at least one of the reflection and
transmission surface forms an angle of 45 degrees with respect to the optical axes at
the intersection thereof, a thickness of the another surface of the substrate on which
the at least one prism is mounted being thinner than a thickness of the surface of the
substrate on which the two light emitting elements are mounted, and among
circumferences of the another surface of the substrate on which the at least one
prism is mounted, circumferences of the another surface of the substrate which are
opposite to the two light emitting elements are open, wherein a plurality of thin film
electrodes for electrical connection of the two light emitting elements are provided on
the surface of the substrate on which the two light emitting elements are mounted in
a region between the two light emitting elements.

9. (currently amended) ~~The~~An optical device ~~according to claim 7~~ comprising
two light emitting elements each having an optical axis and being mounted on a
surface of a substrate, the optical axes of the two light emitting elements being
arranged perpendicular to each other and intersecting each other, and at least one
prism having at least one of a reflection and transmission surface mounted on
another surface of the substrate so that the at least one of the reflection and
transmission surface forms an angle of 45 degrees with respect to the optical axes at
the intersection thereof, a thickness of the another surface of the substrate on which
the at least one prism is mounted being thinner than a thickness of the surface of the
substrate on which the two light emitting elements are mounted, and among
circumferences of the another surface of the substrate on which the at least one
prism is mounted, circumferences of the another surface of the substrate which are
opposite to the two light emitting elements are open, wherein the at least one prism
has two of the at least one of reflection and transmission surfaces mounted at
different positions on the another surface of the substrate so that the reflection and
transmission surfaces form an angle of 45° with respect to the optical axes at the
intersection thereof.

10. (previously presented) The optical device according to claim 9, wherein a
through hole extending perpendicular to the optical axes of the two light emitting
elements is provided at the another surface of the substrate on which the at least
one prism is mounted.

11. (previously presented) The optical device according to claim 10, wherein a photo acceptance element is arranged in the through hole.

12. (previously presented) The optical device according to claim 8, wherein the at least one prism has two of the at least one of reflection and transmission surfaces mounted at different positions on the another surface of the substrate so that the reflection and transmission surfaces form an angle of 45° with respect to the optical axes at the intersection thereof.

13. (previously presented) The optical device according to claim 12, wherein a through hole extending perpendicular to the optical axes of the two light emitting elements is provided at the another surface of the substrate on which the at least one prism is mounted.

14. (previously presented) The optical device according to claim 13, wherein a photo acceptance element is arranged in the through hole.